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PROGRESS UNDER POVERTY ALLEVIATION PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made under poverty alleviation programme during the last three years;

(b) the details of specific benefits available to the poors;

(c) the extent of benefits the poorest of the poor are getting under Integrated Rural Development Programme;

(d) the measures taken to make available surplus grain for the poorest of the poor under this scheme;

(e) whether any shortcoming has been detected in the food for work programme;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Union Government for their rectification?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT(SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL)

(a) The physical and financial achievements under the Swaranjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana(SGSY), Sampoorna Gramin Rozgar Yojana (SGRY) and National Food For Work Programme (NFFWP), the major Poverty alleviation programmes for the last three years i.e. 2002-2003, 2003-2004 and 2004-2005 are given in the Statement at Annexure-I.

(b) Under Swaranjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana(SGSY) the rural poor are given assistance to cross the poverty line by providing them income-generating assets through mix of bank credit and Governmental subsidy. This is holistic programme of self-employment. It covers all aspects of self employment of the rural poor viz., organization of the poor into Self Help Groups and their capacity building, training, selection of key activities, Planning of activity clusters, infrastructure build up, technology and marketing support. Under the Sampoorna Gramin Rozgar Yojana (SGRY), additional wage employment is being provided in the rural areas as also food security, alongside the creation of need based durable community, social and economic infrastructure. A new wage employment Programme namely National Food For Work Programme (NFFWP) has been launched in 150 most backward districts of the country from November, 2004 to generate supplementary wage employment and providing food security through creation of need based economic, social and community assets in these districts.

(c) & (d) The Integrated Rural Development Programme is no longer in operation.

(e) to (g) The main problem of the Food For Work Programme is transportation of foodgrains to the deficit areas. Review meeting are held from time to time with the senior officers of the Department of Food and Public Distribution as well as officials of the Food Corporation of India to sort out problem of supply of foodgrains to the affected areas in time.